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The following naval vessels and installations were observed along the Danube River in Rumania from July to September 1952:

1. 502 Kilometer Mark:

On the right bank, five gray Bulgarian motorboats were observed; each had one 20 mm gun.

2. 500 Kilometer Mark:

25X1C Two gray motorboats were observed going upstream; each had one 20 mm gun, and both flew the Bulgarian flag. [REDACTED]

3. Braila:

25X1C a. Below the cement factory at Braila, two mine-sweepers were observed; each was about 40 meters long and had one 88 mm gun on the bow. They were [REDACTED] Two other mine-sweepers, without numbers or equipment, were also seen. A Monitor-type river boat, unequipped, was undergoing repair.

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25X1C b. Four Rumanian motorboats, 8 to 10 meters long, were observed being towed by a motor tug. They bore [REDACTED]

4. Galati:

Above the town of Galati and on the left bank, the following vessels were observed:

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a. Seven gray motorboats, 8 to 10 meters long, as well as a larger motorboat, presumably belonging to the Rumanian Navy; two Greek-type barges, probably supply ships, [REDACTED]

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- b. Another gray motorboat, 8 to 10 meters long, was observed going upstream.
- c. On the bank were about 100 Rumanian Navy personnel having semaphore training.

25X1C d. On the right bank and opposite the Sovromtransport Agency, a river gunboat was observed, equipped with three 150 mm guns, six 20 mm guns, and an anti-aircraft double-barrel 15 mm gun.

- [REDACTED]
- e. In the Galati basin, a submarine was seen. Six gray fishing boats, belonging to the Rumanian Navy, were also identified.

All the Rumanian naval vessels had white and blue flags with the Rumanian emblem.

- 5. A Rumanian vessel about 12 meters long, 3 to 4 meters wide, and designed like a cargo ship, was observed at Oltenita. Two-thirds of the ship was used for cargo, and one-third accommodated the engine room and living quarters. It is believed that it was an ammunition or supply boat for the Rumanian Navy. Three Rumanian marines were seen on board.
- 6. On 2 September 1952, unarmed motorboats of the Rumanian border guard began escorting foreign ships in Rumanian territory. These boats, about 10 meters long, 2.5 meters wide, with a small superstructure and raised wheel stand, followed at a distance of 300 to 500 meters. Three guards were observed.

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